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## Gen. Bedell Smith Is Named As Aide on Foreign Policy

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 9—Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, a former Under Secretary of State, has accepted a White House assignment as a special assistant to President Eisenhower on

foreign policy matters. It was also learned today that the President has picked Arthur L. Larson, his Under Secretary of Labor, to be the new director of the United States Information Agency. The selection will be announced tomorrow.

General Smith, who is retired, will help formulate United States foreign policy with Herbert Hoover Jr. Mr. Hoover, the son of the former President, is acting Secretary of State in the absence of John Foster Dulles, who is recuperating from an abdominal operation.

General Smith, who conferred with the President yesterday on the White House post, is an expert on foreign as well as military affairs. Besides his experience in the State Department, he has served as ambassador to the Soviet Union and as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

A close friend of the President, General Smith was the only major holdover from the Truman Administration to be given a high Government post when General Eisenhower took office in January, 1953. The President switched him from C. I. A. to the State Department to rank second to Mr. Dulles.

During World War II, General Smith served as chief of staff to General Eisenhower, then Supreme Allied Commander. The

sixty-one-year-old general has no known political affiliation.

General Smith left the department in October, 1954, and was succeeded by Mr. Hoover as Under Secretary. For the last two years, he has been vice president of the American Machine and Foundry Company with offices here.

The President already has one special assistant dealing with foreign policy. He is William H. Jackson, a former New York investment banker. His job, however, is to coordinate the actions of all agencies in the foreign policy field. It is understood that General Smith will work primarily with the State Department in developing diplomatic strategy.

His new role is considered of particular importance in view of Secretary Dulles' illness and the crises in Europe and the Middle East.

Harold E. Stassen is another Presidential aide with some responsibilities relating to foreign policy, but his duties are confined largely to developing disarmament programs. There has been some new speculation, however, that Mr. Stassen might be on his way out as a primary result of his unsuccessful effort this summer to replace Vice President Richard M. Nixon as the President's running mate.

### Succeeds Streibert

In his new job, Mr. Larson will succeed Theodore C. Streibert, who has directed this country's overseas information program through most of the President's first term.

Mr. Larson is known as one of the bright and relatively young men of the Eisenhower

Administration. Recently he won high acclaim from many members of his party for a book that presented the thesis that the Republican party under the President had captured the "authentic American center in politics."

The book helped develop the philosophy of what has become known as "modern Republicanism." The President liked the book so much that he had Mr. Larson help him with his speech accepting the Republican Presidential nomination.

Mr. Larson is a former Rhodes scholar from Sioux Falls, S. D. He came to Washington during the war to serve in the Office of Price Administration. From 1945 to 1955, he was a Professor of Law at Cornell and for a short time later was dean of the Law School at the University of Pittsburgh. He has been in the Labor Department since April, 1954.

His appointment would be subject to Senate confirmation.